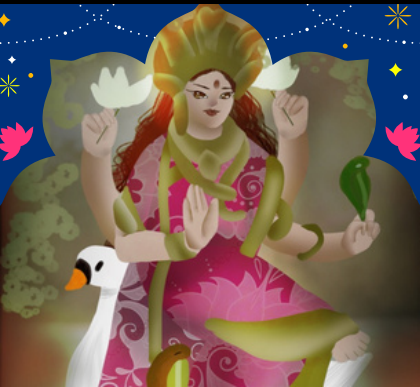


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**USHA, WIFE OF ANIRUDDH,
TOOK BIRTH AGAIN AS
BEHULA. SHIVA BLESSED
BEHULA WITH LONG LIFE OF
HER HUSBAND. ANIRUDDH
TOOK BIRTH AS THE SON
OF CHANDRADHAR. HIS
NAME WAS
LAKSHMICHANDRA IN THIS
BIRTH. CHANDRADHAR WAS
AN ARDENT DEVOTEE OF
SHIVA.**

**MANASA WANTED TO BE
WORSHIPED LIKE OTHER
GODS. SHE WANTED RIGHTS
TO BE PRAYED LIKE
GANESH AND KARTIKEYA
BECAUSE LIKE THEM SHE
WAS ALSO THE PART OF
SHIVA.**

**MAHADEV TRIED TO
CONVINCE HER BUT SHE
HAD NO REGARDS FOR HER
FATHER OR ANY OTHER
DEITIES.**

**SO, MAHADEV AGREED TO
GIVE HER POSITION OF A
GODDESS BUT SHE FIRST
NEEDED TO CONVERT ANY
ONE OF THE DEVOTEE OF
SHIVA TO HER DEVOTEE. SHE
AGREED AND WENT TO
SEARCH SOME GREAT
DEVOTEE OF SHIVA AND NOT
SOME ORDINARY ONE.
ALTHOUGH MAHADEV GAVE
HER OPTION TO CHOOSE ANY
OF HIS DEVOTEE, BE IT GREAT
ONE OR ORDINARY ONE.**

**MANASA FOUND CHANDRADHAR AND
TRIED TO CONVERT HIM AS HER DEVOTEE
BUT HE REFUSED. SHE TRIED TO LURE HIM
WITH WEALTH BUT CHANDRADHAR WAS
FIRM AT HIS DECISION. SHE THREATENED
HIM THAT SHE WILL KILL HIS SONS IF HE
WON'T ACCEPT HER LORDSHIP. HE STILL
REFUSED SO SHE KILLED ALL HIS SONS
EXCEPT LAKSHMICHANDRA WHO WASN'T
PRESENT THERE.**



**LAKSHMICHANDRA MARRIED
WITH BEHULA. DUE TO THE
BOON ON BEHULA,
LAKSHMICHANDRA WAS FREE
FROM THE TERROR OF MANASA.**



MANASA POISONED

LAKSHMICHANDRA



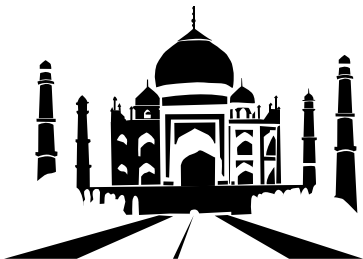
**MANASA ATTACKED
LAKSHMICHANDRA
BUT COULDN'T KILL
HIM. SO SHE
POISONED HIM SO
BADLY THAT HE WENT
INTO DEEP
UNCONSCIOUSNESS.**

**BEHULA REQUESTED
CHANDRADHAR TO WORSHIP
MANASA AND SAVE HER
HUSBAND BUT CHANDRADHAR
REFUSED. SHIVA CAME IN THE
DREAMS OF CHANDRADHAR AND
ASKED HIM TO WORSHIP
MANASA TO SAVE
LAKSHMICHANDRA BECAUSE
ONLY MANASA COULD REVIVE
HIM.**

CHANDRADHAR KNEW THAT WORSHIPPING SHIVA DOESN'T REQUIRE ANY PROOF SO HE AGREED TO PRAY MANASA. THE NEXT DAY HE PRAYED AND ASKED HER TO REVIVE LAKSHMICHANDRA. SHE WAS HAPPY AND TRIED TO REVIVE BUT FAILED. THEN SHIVA APPEARED AND ENLIGHTENED MANASA ABOUT THE TRUE DEVOTION AND DUTIES OF GOD.



REDEMPTION OF MANASA



**MANASA REALIZED HER
MISTAKES AND APOLOGIZED
TO SHIVA AND CHANDRADHAR.
SHE UNDERSTOOD THE REAL
VALUES OF BEING A GOD.
EMBARRASSED WITH HER
DEEDS, MANASA ASKED SHIVA
TO GIVE HER POWER TO
REVIVE LAKSHMICHANDRA.
SHIVA ASSURED HER THAT SHE
ALREADY HAVE ALL THE
POWERS, JUST HER
ARROGANCE WAS HIDING
THEM. SHE TRIED AGAIN TO
REVIVE LAKSHMICHANDRA AND
SUCCEEDED.**



MANASA WAS EMBARRASSED WITH GUILT FEELINGS OF KILLING 6 SONS OF CHANDRADHAR, SO SHIVA REVIVED ALL OF THEM. ALSO HE DECLARED MANASA TO BE A GODDESS. HE BLESSED MANASA WITH KNOWLEDGE OF LIFE SAVING MANTRAS. THOSE WHO WILL PRAY MANASA, WILL GET FREE FROM ALL KINDS OF POISONS.

MANASA, THE GODDESS OF SNAKES, IS MOSTLY VENERATED IN BENGAL AND OTHER PARTS OF NORTHEASTERN INDIA FOR SNAKEBITE PREVENTION AND CURE, AS WELL AS FERTILITY AND OVERALL PROSPERITY. SHE IS FREQUENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE GODDESS SHASHTI ("THE SIXTH," ADORED ON THE SIXTH DAY AFTER BIRTH) AS THE GUARDIAN OF CHILDREN. THE MANASA-MANGALS, THE WRITTEN DOCUMENTS THAT DESCRIBE HER NARRATIVE, COME FROM THE 16TH-17TH CENTURIES BUT ARE LIKELY BASED ON AN EARLIER ORAL TRADITION. IN THE VILLAGES, SHE IS HONORED WITH A VARIETY OF SONGS, DANCES, AND DRAMAS. MANASA COULD BE RELATED TO INDIA'S LEGENDARY NAGAS, HALF-HUMAN, HALF-COBRA BEINGS.



Facts of the goddess

HER CHILD IS A SAGE NAMED ASTIKA

**SHE IS THE GODDESS OF SNAKES AND
POISON**

**SHE IS MAINLY WORSHIPED BY HINDUS
FOR THE PREVENTION AND CURE OF
SNAKEBITES AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES
LIKE SMALLPOX AND CHICKEN POX AS
WELL AS FOR PROSPERITY AND FERTILITY.**